

# Antimony addition amount for solar glass



## Overview

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Proportion of Antimony in solar glass is typically 0. Each PV module has a front glass weighing about 16 kg and thus an Antimony content of 32 to 48 grams. Effectively managing this waste stream requires an efficient collection system and suitable recycling processes. Although Sb is largely stable within intact glass, it remains both a valuable material for recovery and a potential environmental or health disrupting furnace processes. To address these challenges, the ESIA Recommendation paper suggests that the European Union should . As many solar panels reach the end of their service lives around the late 2030s, a substantial amount of cover glass will require disposal. Hence, as the industry prepares for an influx of decommissioned panels, the need . World Health Organization (WHO): A limit of 5 ppb.

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### [Guide for Ensuring Solar Glass Recycling Happens for Your PV Panels](#)

The U.S. could also implement a threshold for antimony levels in solar glass, gradually reducing the allowable amount over time. This would encourage manufacturers to phase out the use of antimony

### Concept Note/ Blue Print on Management of Antimony Containing

Results indicates that samples of waste solar panel glass containing Antimony does not fall in the category of hazardous waste as per the concentration limits stipulated for Antimony in



### Proportion of antimony oxide in photovoltaic glass

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### [The Dark Side of Solar Glass: Antimony, Geopolitics and the Energy](#)

Industry estimates suggest typical solar glass contains on the order of 0.2-0.3% antimony by weight; one analysis pegs it at about 0.25%, or roughly 40 grams of antimony in the



### Innovative Process Developed for Extracting Antimony



### [Addressing uncertain antimony content in solar glass for recycling](#)

Solar glass can be either low-iron patterned glass or low-iron float glass. Both can be recycled if the quality is acceptable, but this depends on the glass composition and the end product to be produced.



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### **Necessity for recycling photovoltaic glass:**

This article explores a new process for extracting valuable antimony from the glass of solar panels, aimed at solving disposal challenges in the 2030s.



### **ANTIMONY (Sb) IN SOLAR MODULES**

Because of both toxicity and recycling complications, bans and restrictions on Sb use in solar glass are increasing, driving demand for Sb-free, low-iron solar glass formulations.



### [Review of issues and opportunities for glass supply for photovoltaic](#)

Low-iron sand is required for PV glass production, to make the glass highly transparent and reduce the absorption of solar energy. Additionally, glass manufacturing leads to significant emissions, with

### **Managing resource**

However, manufacturing this amount of PV requires a critical evaluation of material demands, particularly antimony (Sb), which is widely used in PV glass production.



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